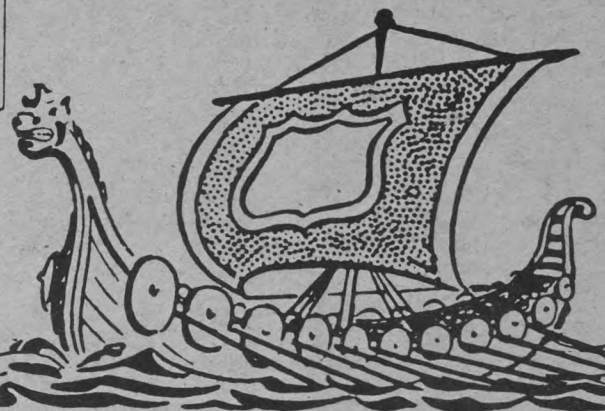
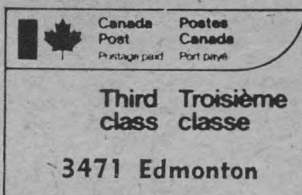




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FINLANDIA SKI RACE

Cross country ski enthusiasts from 20 countries around the world will meet in Hameenlinna, Finland on February 24 in 1980 to take part in the Seventh Annual Finlandia Ski Race, one of the most notable international winter sports events in Europe. It is open to all skiers over the age of 18, regardless of skill or experience. For most, it is a fun occasion.

The racing track, over

some of the best cross country ski terrain in Europe, will be 45 miles long, starting at Hameenlinna and finishing at Lahti Ski Stadium, the country's famous winter sports centre and site of the World Ski Championship of 1978.

There will be six classifications of skiers, from the first class and those who were among the first 300 in the 1979 or 1978

race; entries of foreign first class (through national associations); divisions of those who finished among other various groups in the '79 or '78 race and those men and women who ski just for the pleasure of the sport.

Entry in the competition must be in writing before the closing date of January 15, 1980. The entry fee of \$26 must be submitted with the entry blank. After the closing date, it will be \$30.

The fee includes refreshments along the course, transportation of clothes and belongings from start to finish of the race, ski waxing service, any medical service, sauna, medal and diploma for those who finish the course in the prescribed time, prizes for winners, return trip to Hameenlinna after the race, participant number, equipment bag and ski stickers.



A Sea of Skiers: This is what the starting point of the 7th Annual Finlandia Ski Race, on February 24, 1980 in Hameenlinna, Finland, will look like when 7,000 or so entrants from 20 countries, compete in the 45 mile long event. The start (above) is over a frozen lake, one of the Scandinavian country's 62,000. (Photo: Finland National Tourist Office).

TORSKE KLUBBEN ENTERTAINS NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR

by Bob Burt



Norwegian Ambassador Addresses Torske Klubben

At their supper meeting on October 2nd Torske Klubben members were introduced to Peter Graver, Norwegian Ambassador to Canada, by Norwegian Consul, Arne Johannessen.

Peter Graver first visited Canada as a trainee fighter pilot during World War II. In 1947 he joined the Department of Foreign Affairs, becoming Vice Consul in Genova, Poland in 1950, and transferring to Rio de Janeiro in 1951. In 1956 he entered the Embassy at Paris, and in 1961 became Embassy Advisor in Moscow. He was later named Ambassador at Nicosia and in 1971 became Norway's Ambassador to Israel. In 1975 he became Ambassador to the U.S.S.R., and was named to his present position as Ambassador

to Canada in February of this year.

Mr. Graver has visited Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton and Camrose in the course of a familiarization tour.

He spoke favourably of the Canadian Northern Foreign Policy, which relates to the Scandinavian countries, and of the oil situation in all the northern countries.

Norman Erikson thanked Mr. Graver for his interesting and informative talk. He was later introduced to the wives and friends of the Sons of Norway and the Nordic Society, and a social event followed.

The next meeting of Torske Klubben will be held on November 8th when it will be Father-Son-Daughter Night and 'Ski for Light' will be the topic.

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SPLINTERS from the BOARD

Your Board of Directors met on October 18th for their regular monthly meeting.

CENTRE

As you will see, the operating statement to the end of September shows a loss. However, you will also see that the cost of the newspaper plus the cost of permanent stages, etc., for Heritage Days more than makes up that amount. And, of course, our biggest business months are the last three of the year, so we expect to show a profit for the year.

The road-widening and storm sewer installation for the Yellowhead Trail has the area directly in front of the Centre in a tremendous mess. We don't know how long it will be that way, but with winter almost upon us it is quite likely to be some time. While we can still get in and out, we have nevertheless lost some bookings because of it.

The furnace is going to cost us for repairs. It should really be replaced, but of course it would be a waste of money to do so at this point.

And Borge has set up new banquet menus which sound delicious!

HERITAGE DAYS

The Heritage Festival Committee is busy planning for next year's event. At a recent meeting attended by our Cultural Directors the need for volunteers to serve as casino workers in 1980 was stated. If you are interested, phone Anne Sahuri after 6:00 p.m. at 489-7515.

DEVELOPMENT

Our solicitor has had a meeting with City officials in order to discuss the predicament in which they have placed us. They will be contacting Mr. Walters after they have reviewed the situation — we'll keep you posted on results.

There is nothing concrete to report on land as yet, but various sites are being investigated.

NEWSPAPER

Approximately 100 more subscriptions were received after the September paper went out — thank you all.

We are sorry that the schedule has become somewhat disrupted — we hope to be back on a regular basis within a short time. We must point out, however, that now that all the production process is being done commercially, our deadline will have to be strictly met, including pictures (of which we would like to have more, incidentally).

And please if the news from one of the groups does not appear contact the correspondent for that group! We can't publish what we don't receive. If we get it — it's in the paper.

PIGEON LAKE

There seems to have been some misunderstanding about the property at Pigeon Lake. The Centre is not to be moved to Pigeon Lake — this is a separate proposal for a vacation property accessible to all shareholders — and we would like to have your comments — for or against.

SCANDAPADES

Don't forget the dates for Scandapades '80 — March 13, 14 and 15.

Board of Directors, March 1979

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AUTOMOBILES, ENGINES AND THE FUTURE

At their September meeting Torske Klubben members and guests heard Professor J.D. Dale speak on a very interesting and current subject — Automobiles as they relate to the saving of energy. Because of the general interest in such a subject, we are reprinting the text of his talk.

The problems faced by automobile manufacturers, in trying to meet the legislated reduction in exhaust emissions and improved fuel economy has brought on rapid changes in automobile engines and the vehicles themselves. To meet the future requirements more changes are likely to come as some manufacturers have started serious research and development on new types of engines. The following outlines the reasons some engines are presently used in automobiles and where the manufacturers are looking to the future.

FUEL CONSUMPTION

The accompanying figure shows the band of fuel consumption obtained for present day gasoline engines as a function of vehicle weight. Clearly lighter automobiles produce better fuel economy and the automobile manufacturers are continuing to downsize their vehicles to reduce the vehicle weight. The engines used in the vehicles between the bands are all gasoline fuel engines, of conventional and stratified charge type. These engines have proven to be very adaptable in meeting the fuel economy and emission requirements, with the conventional engine coupled with a catalytic converter for exhaust gas clean-up being the most popular engine because of its long history and potential for further development. The stratified charge engines have certain advantages at the present time in terms of ease of meeting emission requirements, but they are more complex, and expensive to build and North American manufacturers are not convinced that their future potential is any better than the conventional gasoline engine.

TURBOCHARGED ENGINES

Several automobile manufacturers are introducing turbocharged engines again after a 15 year absence. Turbocharged engines can have higher fuel

economy because they are generally smaller (less internal friction) than non-turbocharged engines for the same power output, and they make use of energy in the hot exhaust gases which is normally wasted, which can improve the engine fuel economy.

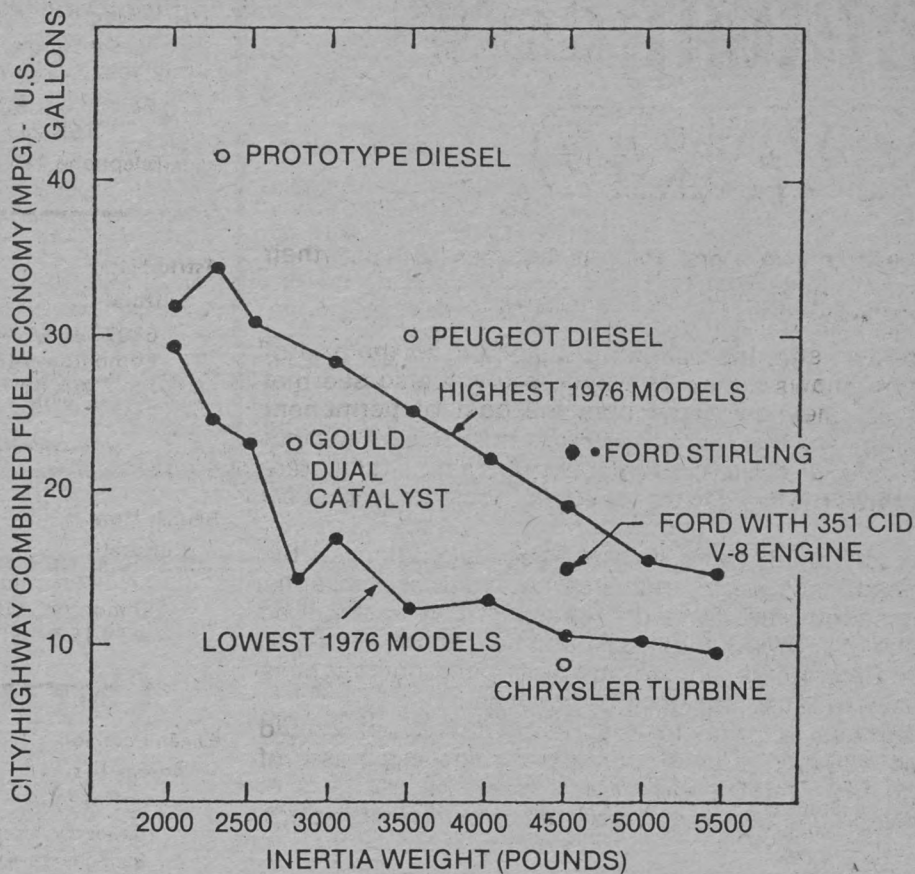
DIESEL ENGINES

The Diesel engine shows about a 25% improvement in fuel economy over the gasoline engines for the federal test procedure, while meeting present emission requirements. The vehicles with Diesel engines, however, have poorer performance so that when compared with gasoline engines of equal performance this drops to about a 20% improvement, and when one considers that diesel fuel on a litre or gallon basis has about 10% more energy than gasoline, the difference in energy consumption reduces to about a 10% advantage in favor of the Diesel engine.

Diesel engines cannot presently meet future emission requirements and indications are that some reduction in fuel economy will occur if more stringent emissions are to be met. Compared with present gasoline engines Diesel engines do offer improved fuel economy and emission control, but they are more expensive to build, noisier, respond slower, and can be difficult to start in temperatures below -20°C.

GAS TURBINE

The gas turbine engine has been used in experimental automobiles since the 1950's. Its theoretical potential for meeting fuel economy and emission requirements is very good. What is required is extensive development on metalurgical problems to permit higher operating temperatures to improve fuel economy, especially at part load, and to reduce manufacturing costs. As shown on the figure the Chrysler turbine is below gasoline engines in fuel economy. This data, however, is for an old design vehicle and substantial improvements have been made since this data was taken. This particular vehicle had exhaust emission levels well below those of present day gasoline and Diesel engines, but not below the lowest legislated levels.



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency comparison of 1976 and experimental vehicles

Gas turbine engines are good candidates for the future if the before mentioned difficulties can be overcome. They do offer good performance, low exhaust emissions, low vibration levels, low maintenance, wide fuel adaptability, easy low temperature starting, and rapid warm-up. Their main disadvantages at present are poor part load fuel economy, high noise levels, and high costs.

STIRLING ENGINE

The final combustion engine being considered for development is the Stirling engine. While it offers very good fuel economy and low emission levels, it is at

present brand new technology in the automobile field and is very expensive to build and will require 5 to 10 more years of development work before any decision on production could be made. The fuel economy data shown is for a Ford prototype engine which has exhaust emissions as low as the Chrysler gas turbine.

BATTERY-POWERED ENGINE

In a few years, the large automobile manufacturers will be marketing battery powered vehicles. These vehicles will be primarily for urban use for they will not have sufficient power or

range for extended travel.

To summarize, automobiles in North America will continue to be made smaller, using the same engines as are available today with and without turbochargers, but with a higher percentage being Diesel engines. There are still some unanswered questions about the harmfulness of Diesel engine exhaust which could kill the engine for automobiles. In a few years battery powered electric vehicles will be seriously marketed, followed, perhaps, by gas turbine engined vehicles. Further away are Stirling engines which require extensive development for automobile use.

Kitchen Corner

Norwegian raw vegetable medley

Råkostkabarét

4 to 6 servings

- 1 cup finely shredded cabbage
- 2 cooked beets, coarsely grated
- 2 carrots, coarsely grated
- 1 apple, peeled and grated
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons milk

Combine cabbage, beets, carrots, and grated apple; mix in lemon juice. Blend mayonnaise with milk; add to vegetables and toss to mix well. (If preferred, group vegetables separately and serve mayonnaise dressing in separate dish.)

Danish red cabbage salad

Rödkaalssalat

4 servings

- 1 cup finely shredded red cabbage
- 2 medium apples, coarsely grated
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 teaspoon caraway seed, crushed
- 2 tablespoons French dressing

Combine all ingredients; toss lightly.

Swedish cabbage and orange salad

Vitkåls-och apelsinsallad

4 servings

- 1 cup finely shredded white cabbage
- 2 naval oranges, sectioned
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 1 tablespoon salad oil
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Combine cabbage, oranges, and raisins. Add oil and lemon juice; toss well. Chill thoroughly. Serve with meat and fish dishes.

Swedish cabbage and apple salad

Vitkåls-och äppelsallad

4 servings

- 2 cups shredded Savoy cabbage
- 2 medium apples, sliced
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/2 cup cream, whipped

Combine shredded cabbage, apple slices, orange juice, lemon juice, and salt; mix well. Carefully stir in whipped cream. Chill.

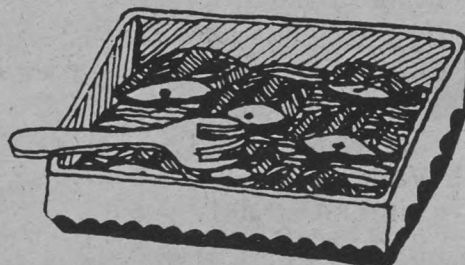
Danish stuffed tomatoes

Tomater med fyll

6 servings

- 1 (1 pound) jar pickled schmalz herring
- 2 tart apples, peeled, cored and diced
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 teaspoons dried dill weed
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground white pepper
- 2 tablespoons cream or half-and-half
- 6 medium tomatoes
- Parsley or dill sprigs

Drain herring; chop. Combine herring, apple, mayonnaise, dill weed, salt, pepper and cream. Remove stem end from tomatoes; carefully remove seeds and juice. Fill tomatoes with herring salad mixture. Serve cold, garnished with sprig of parsley or dill.



SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT



by Bob Burt

Elsworth and Lois Halberg were present at a family reunion at Ryley.

Doug and Gail Peterson holidayed at Shuswap Lake and later visited with Mr. and Mrs. George Struthers at Prince George.

Alvin Searl travelled to Swift Current visiting his sister; while there he attended the Vets' Reunion in late September.

Sven Tychsen's brother, Rasmus, and his wife were visitors in Edmonton from Jutland, Denmark. They were toured through Alberta and then through British Columbia to Victoria.

Randi Tychsen, 19-year-old daughter of Sven and Orla, left Edmonton October 8th for a year's stay at Nantes, France, where she will live with a family and continue her studies in French.

Harry and Bea Huser visited Kamloops, and Bea travelled with her mother to Campbell River, B.C.

Glen Huser was the recipient of a Literary Award given by the Edmonton Journal for a poem which he submitted.

Ken Domier attended the Pacific Northwest section of the American Society of Agriculture for Engineers at Regina from October 3rd to 5th.

Kare Hillum travelled to Jasper to be present at a Canadian Institute of Forestry conference October 2nd and 3rd.

We are pleased to hear that Henry Logan is recovering from a ruptured blood vessel suffered while on a hunting trip north of High Prairie. He was travelling with Andy Mjaatveit.

Leif Erickson Dance and Luncheon held October 12th at the Scandinavian Centre served as a fitting farewell to Del and Doreen Melsness. The evening also saw the official crowning of Sons of Norway Queen, Gunn Espeland.

The Bowling League started the season at 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9th, at the Windsor Bowl with 8 teams in action.

Curling will start the season on October 22nd at the Sportex and continue every Monday at 9:00 p.m. More rinks are needed so call Ian Iverson at 482-3027 - or Al Letendre at 476-1683 - and join the fun!

Solglyt's General Meeting will be held on October 24th with whist to follow the short business meeting. The November meeting will be on the 21st.

Remember to get your Lutfisk Supper tickets early! The Supper (home-made) will be held on Sunday, November 18th.

Election of Officers for 1980 will be held on December 7th.

The Christmas Party is scheduled for December 16th — there will be a program, sing-song and pot luck supper.

PHIL OLSTAD

Sincere sympathy is extended by the Sons of Norway to the Olstad family on the death of Phil Olstad, one-time treasurer of Solglyt Lodge.

Phil passed away September 24th at the age of 60. He leaves his loving wife, Evelyn, a son, Alistair, and a daughter, Karen; also a sister, Vivian Richards, of Houston, Texas, and two brothers, Hollis of Edmonton, and Gordon of Calgary.

Phil's grandfather was the first to break soil at Camrose. Phil was born at Binford, North Dakota, moved to Pelican Rapids, Minnesota, to New Norway in 1936, to Camrose in 1937, and Edmonton in 1943. He worked on the Alaska Highway and with Armco for 32 years.

BARBECUE CUTTING

by Bob Burt

The Sons of Norway summer Sports and Barbecue Day was held on Sunday, September 23rd, at the Scandinavian Centre.

A mixed group was present to take part in horse-shoe pitching and a roaring volleyball game, with old and young participating.

Then there was food: hot dogs and hamburgers were cooked over the outdoor barbecue. The chefs were certainly kept hot and busy and, as always, the burgers tasted better than ever. Other delicacies included salads, jellies, baked beans and cookies.

Following supper the Freeloaders supplied lively music for dancing.

Over 100 were present, and they thoroughly enjoyed the fun-filled, perfect day.

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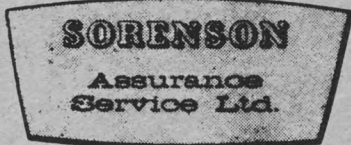
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Dania's Doings



Dania's Monthly Whistdrive will be held on November 13, 1979 at 8:00 p.m.

The Annual Christmas Party for the children will be held on Sunday, December 16 at 2:00 p.m. in the Viking Room at the Scandinavian Centre. As in the past only members' children are eligible to attend. Please fill out the registration form below for your children to attend the party. The forms must be in the hands of

the Secretary on or before November 25, 1979. The Christmas Party is for children up to and including the age of 12 years.

For more information Dania's Annual New Years' Party will be held on Saturday, January 5, 1980. At this point in time we have not made the final arrangement for this party but further information will be published in the December issue of the paper.

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MRS' HILDA PETERSON PASSES

Mrs. Hilda Peterson, wife of Fritjof Peterson of Hinton, passed away in Hinton Hospital after many years of ill health; she was in her 77th year.

Funeral services were held September 4th at the Lutheran Church in Hinton.

Hilda leaves to mourn her husband, Fritjof, of Hinton, and a niece and nephew in Sweden.

SCANDAPADES '80 STAR SIGNED

Scandapades '80 Co-ordinator, Gary Johnson, has announced that a well-known performer from Scandinavia has been signed to star in this year's exciting production.

However, as yet he won't tell who it is!

All Gary will say is that a dinner-theatre format will be used again, with a Scandinavian menu you'll

never get anywhere else, and that the entertainment is going to be superb.

Mark the dates on your calendar and watch the next paper for more details.

NEEDED — FOR NEXT YEAR

The Edmonton Heritage Festival Committee requires volunteers for next year to work at their Casinos. If you can help phone Anne Sahuri after 6:00 p.m. — 489-7515.

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION

To celebrate MATT and HILDUR MYHRE'S 50th Wedding Anniversary, Walter, Eva and Ann Meyer of 10457 - 48 Street are holding an Open House on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1ST.

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Corkage	\$ 13,938.20
Meetings	\$ 6,450.80
Misc. Income.....	\$ 7,789.62
P.A. System	\$ 650.00
TOTAL.....	\$144,368.67

COST OF REVENUE

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Car Allow.....	\$ 675.00
Equipment Rentals	\$ 855.99
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Interest Rec. Re Savings Acct.....	\$ 186.12 CR.
Taxes Lake Lot	\$ 70.37
Insurance	\$ 3,651.98
Audit	\$ 500.00
Meeting Exp. (Board of Dir.)	\$ 599.70
Donations	\$ 80.00
Office Expenses.....	\$ 976.48
Garbage & Ground Maint.	\$ 372.00
Repair & Maint.....	\$ 1,947.32
Equipment Repairs	\$ 1,625.73
Utilities & Telephone	\$ 7,755.84
Misc. Supplies	\$ 6,786.99
Taxes & Lic.....	\$ 75.00
Salaries - Adm.	\$ 31,762.44
Commission	\$ 3,438.06
Wages - Kitchen.....	\$ 27,772.35
Wages - Maint.	\$ 7,750.00
Casual Labour.....	\$ 242.80
Postage.....	\$ 153.11
W.C.B.....	\$ 321.73
Sundry Expenses.....	\$ 477.14
Heritage Days 1979	\$ 1,268.35
	\$147,042.04
LOSS.....	\$ 2,673.37

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SOLVEIG BJARNADOTTIR

Solveig Bjarnadottir was born in Myrasysla in the Borgafjord area of Iceland on May 2, 1870. She was the daughter of Bjarni Sigurdsson and Margret Olof Olafsdottir, both of whom came from highly respected families. Education being important to them, they made sure that all their children learned a trade, and Solveig received training as a seamstress.

She married Jon Thorvaldsson from Urrida River, whose parents were Thorvaldur Erlendsson and Sesselja Einarsdottir. They lived in Urrida River for some time, and their first children, Bjarni and Thorvaldur (killed in World War I), were born in Iceland.

EMIGRATE TO CANADA

This was a difficult time in Iceland. Nature was harsh and the economy was foreign-dominated, so in 1897 Solveig and Jon decided to emigrate to Canada. Their next son, Helgi Borgford, was born shortly after their arrival in Winnipeg, and four more children followed: Oskar, Laura (Jennekens), Margaret (Storseth), and Jenny (Brown).

The moved from Winnipeg to Stony Mountain, where Jon worked in the quarries. In those days very few precautions were taken with regard to breathing dust; Jon had problems with his lungs and his health failed rapidly. He died on June 2, 1907, and was buried in Brookside Cemetery in Winnipeg.

WORKED IN WINNIPEG

Solveig, like most Icelandic women, was strong and resolute, which enabled her to deal with the difficult situation in which she found herself. She as in a new country and didn't understand the language; she had a new baby and six other small children; and the family breadwinner was dead. Relatives took some of the children, and she moved back to Winnipeg where she worked in the trade she had learned in Iceland — tailoring.

She finally decided that the best way to have her children with her was to homestead, so she and all the children moved to an area north-east of Lundar.

MARRIES

ARMANN THORDARSON

Armann Thordarson, a widower from Akranes in Iceland who had been working as a carpenter in Winnipeg, homesteaded on the quarter next to Solveig; his parents were Thordur Sigurdsson and Sigridur Runolfsdottir, and he had one daughter, Sigridur (Sigga). Armann and Solveig married, and they had three more children: Rutur, Dora (Westerby), and Christine (Lansdown). Rutur and Dora were born at Stony Hill and Christine was born at Suffren.

Armann was an industrious and very intelligent man. He was a machinist by trade, but he could do almost anything.



Solveig at 66 years of age with grandson, Gordon Helgi

He raised Aberdeen Angus cattle with considerable success. After a large sale of cattle he bought a steam tractor and was consequently one of the first farmers in the area to use a tractor for breaking land.

He built and ran a flour mill at Suffren, which he later moved into Lundar. Because the interlake area is not suitable for growing grain, the flour mill did not prosper, and Armann converted it into a wood mill. The main production was floats for fish nets, and Armann made most of the lathes which were used in the mill.

He built the first hotel in Lundar, and his daughter Sigga and her husband, Hjalmar (Lally) Halldorson managed it for a while.

Armann was gifted with musical ability, and every Sunday he played the organ for the church when he lived in Lundar. He had an organ in his home and later bought a piano for the children to learn on. He died of cancer in 1929.

MOVED BACK TO WINNIPEG

Solveig was again a widow and had three teen-age children at home. Rutur worked hard in an effort to keep the float factory going, but the depression had reduced the demand for floats and it had to be abandoned. They had moved from Suffren to Lundar in 1916, and in 1931 Solveig decided to move back to Winnipeg.

She lived there for a few years until her youngest children had left for various parts of the country to make their own lives.

TIES WITH ICELAND

Solveig's brothers and sisters came to Canada in 1901 and went to different parts of the continent — Winnipeg, Saskatchewan and Seattle. Her half-sister, Kristjana, married Sigurdur Sigmundsson and they remained in Myrasysla. This helped Solveig keep her ties with Iceland as she corresponded with Kristjana until late in her life.



Solveig at 70 with grandsons Gunnar and Gordon

LATER YEARS

In her later years she travelled and spent time with her children in Toronto, Victoria, and Vivian and Oak Point in Manitoba. She always kept abreast of news from the Icelandic papers, and in her discussions with others she never retreated from an argument when she thought she was right. Solveig managed by speaking Icelandic almost exclusively; she understood English but she never spoke it well.

In her declining years she was back in Lundar in a home for the

elderly where she received loving care from the lady in charge, Margret (Maggie) Bjornson.

As was the case for most pioneers, Solveig did not have an easy life. All her sons, except the youngest, died before she did. She was blessed with good health and her mind was keen to the end. She died in November, 1958, and is buried in Brookside Cemetery in Winnipeg.

(Solveig Bjarnadottir was Gunnar Thorvaldson's grandmother, and we are indebted to him for the above history)



Solveig with three of her children, Margaret, Helgi and Dora. She was 87 when this picture was taken, Helgi died shortly after and Solveig died the following year.

ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

by Ninna Campbell

DATES TO REMEMBER —

November 4 - Annual Meeting, Scandinavian Centre

November 14 - William Valgardson - Grant MacEwan Cromdale Campus at 8:00 p.m.

Hi!

Hope you all had a happy Thanksgiving holiday.

Thorsteinn and Solveig Vilhjalmsson, along with

Sigrun and Smari, went to Calgary for the long weekend.

Geir and Ragnheidur Gunnarson have been transferred back to Calgary. Best wishes in your new home!

Elin and Hilmei Agustsson of Reykjavik became parents of a baby boy in September.

Grant MacEwan Community College, Cromdale Campus, 8020 - 118 Avenue,

is presenting 'Canadian Authors Series 1979'. These are free public readings by prominent Canadian authors of their own works, and we were pleased to see that on November 14th William Valgardson will be reading from his books 'Blood-flowers' and 'God is not a Fish Inspector'. See you all there!

The Saga Singers have resumed practising under the direction of Berky Letourneau.

Regular weekly flights are available all year to Aalborg, Aarhus, Bergen, Billund, Copenhagen, Esbjerg, Gothenberg, Helsinki, Karup, Kristiansand, Odense, Oslo, Skrydstrup, Sonderborg, Stavanger, Stockholm and Thisted.

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by Anja Sahuri

Many thanks to Finish Society for the flowers I received while ill recently. Helvi Rastas

I wish to thank everyone for the flowers, gifts and the party which was held in my honor recently. Veikko Leino

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vanhala on the birth of their son, Saska Niko, on Sept. 28, 1979.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the family of late Mrs Irja Marie Kuusela who passed away on Oct. 9, 1979 at the age of 60. She leaves to mourn beside her loving husband Lauri, one son Heikki, daughter-in-law Sherryll and grandson Dean of Calgary, two brothers in Finland, a niece Mrs Irene Luopa and her family in Edmonton and many friends both in Finland and in Canada. Funeral services were held on Thursday, Oct 11, at the

Augustana Lutheran Church and Pastors Donald Sjobery and James Kruger officiating and internment took place in the Edmonton Cemetery.

Mrs Kuusela has been an active member of the Finnish society for more than 25 years. She has also been active in Augustana Lutheran Church for many years. Mrs Irja Kuusela has always been one to bring Finnish culture and cooking known to everyone taking part in such things as Cultural Heritage Days, different food festivals etc..

The passing away of Irja will leave a big gap in many hearts.

"Niinkuin Muuttolintusen tie
taivasta kohti kulku vie.
Kuin unelma kiitavi elama pois
kirkkaustrantahan kodista maan.
Suo, etta mun sieluna valmisna ois
auttaos onneni saavutamaan"

Stock Pot News



BY Borge Velling

Our chief cook, Jens, was in for a couple of surprises when the hunting season started! The first time out he got stuck in four feet of mud and water trying to catch a duck. The next time he was stopped by the R.C.M.P. along with two Game Wardens -- he was apparently seven minutes past the time limit - who took his shotgun and presented him with a summons which will no doubt result in a fine. He hadn't even shot anything!

Well, he still had his rifle so he went up to Athabasca to try his luck. He had been plodding through the bush for a couple of hours when suddenly a pack of wolves started to howl, and he and his dog climbed the nearest tree. Jens and his dog, Lotte, finally made it back to the car, still in a state of shock!

Now is that any way to treat a newly-pimmigrated Danish father-to-be and big game hunter? All suggestions as to how Jens is going to solve all these problems are welcome.

The Yellowhead Trail is in progress. They have been working on road-widening and storm sewer for six months and they have been right in front of the Centre for the past month or so. It is one gigantic mess, but of course we don't have to worry about flooding in the Centre any more.

Susanne Balslov's exhibition was a huge success here at the Scandinavian Centre. Lots of people came to look at and buy the beautiful pottery Susanne makes. Hopefully she will repeat her success in the beginning of next year.



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Starting July 1,

there were

some changes made to

Unemployment Insurance.

Unless you worked at least 20 weeks in the past year, these changes could apply to you.

In December 1978, Parliament changed the Unemployment Insurance Program. Changes starting July 1 mean that some people will have to work longer before they can qualify for Unemployment Insurance benefits.

Have you worked 20 weeks or more in the last year?

If so, this message does not apply to you. Twenty weeks work qualifies for your regular Unemployment Insurance benefits and for UI illness and maternity benefits or the one time benefit at age 65.

Are you working for the first time or coming back to work?

Generally, if you are working in your first job or you are coming back to work after more than one year, you will need to work 20 weeks before you can qualify for UI benefits. There are some exceptions to this 20 week rule, depending on what you were doing during that period.

Did you get UI benefits in the last year?

If you got UI benefits in the last year, there are new rules that may apply to you - unless the unemployment rate in your area is over 11.5%. The most you will have to work to qualify for UI benefits is 20 weeks, regardless of how many weeks you previously drew UI.

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